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SUBJ: PROPOSAL FOR JOINT U.S.-THAI ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS

REF : BANGKOK 20013

1. AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL, UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR TRADE EXPANSION HAD SUGGESTED IN LATE DECEMBER THAT USG CONSIDER PERIODIC MEETINGS AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC MATTERS OF COMMON CONCERN. PARTICULAR REFERENCE WAS MADE TO THE ANNUAL CABINET LEVEL MEETINGS WITH THE JAPANESE, WHICH THAI OFFICIALS HAD FOUND TO BE VERY BENEFICIAL. DR. SNOH DID NOT SUGGEST THAT MEETINGS WITH USG OFFICIALS TAKE PLACE AT THIS LEVEL, AT LEAST NOT INITIALLY.

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2. ACCORDING TO A NATION STORY OF JANUARY 21, DR. SNOH

MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS AMONG OTHERS, PRESUMABLY TO  
A NATION REPORTER:

A. THAI-U.S. RELATIONS "MUST BE SHIFTED FROM THE MILITARY  
TO ECONOMICS" AND THE TIME HAD ARRIVED FOR THAILAND TO  
INITIATE LARGE SCALE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S.

B. THE ISSUES THAT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN SUCH MEETINGS  
WOULD INCLUDE THE IMPORT QUOTA FOR SCRAP IRON, PROCURE-  
MENT OF FERTILIZERS, SALE OF RUBBER, AND ASSISTANCE TO  
THAILAND FROM THE USG UNDER THE GSP.

3. SHORTLY AFTER NATION ARTICLE, DR. SNOH TELEPHONED  
TO ECON/CML COUNSELOR TO SAY THAT EVEN THOUGH PRESS STORY  
HAD BEEN ON DRAMATIC SIDE IT WAS BASICALLY A CORRECT  
ACCOUNT OF WHAT HE HAD SAID. HE THEN SUGGESTED THAT  
DISCUSSIONS BE UNDERTAKEN AT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE LEVEL  
TO EXPLORE WHAT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. IT WAS AGREED THAT  
A PRELIMINARY AND INFORMAL LUNCHEON DISCUSSION BE HELD  
JANUARY 29 WITH TWO OFFICIALS FROM THE THAI SIDE AND TWO  
FROM THE EMBASSY (ECON/CML COUNSELOR AND CML ATTACHE).

4. IN EMBASSY VIEW DESIRABLE FOR U.S. TO BE AS RESPONSIVE  
AS POSSIBLE TO THAI INITIATIVES IN PROPOSING A PERIODIC  
REVIEW OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS. PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF  
LARGE IMBALANCE IN U.S.-THAI TRADE IT IMPORTANT TO AVOID  
THAI CHARGES AGAINST U.S. COMPARABLE TO THOSE RECENTLY  
DIRECTED AGAINST JAPAN. THE LEVEL AND FREQUENCY OF THE  
PROPOSED MEETINGS SHOULD BE A PRODUCT OF MUTUAL AGREE-  
MENT AT A SUBSEQUENT DATE. EMBASSY OFFICIALS AT JANUARY  
29 MEETING WILL KEEP DISCUSSIONS AT EXPLORATORY LEVEL.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: GIVEN VIRTUAL CERTAINTY THAT  
COMMERCE MINISTRY WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR AGREEMENT  
ON SOME FORUM FOR PERIODIC ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS (SNOH  
HAS PERSONALLY RAISED THE SUBECT THREE TIMES AND  
MINISTER OF COMMERCE ALLUDED TO IT IN COURSE OF AMBASSADOR'S  
RECENT COURTESY CALL), WASHINGTON COMMENTS AND GUIDANCE  
ARE REQUESTED.  
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